

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraphs 38, 41, and 63 as follows:

Regarding paragraph 38 of the Application as filed, please replace paragraph 38 with the following new paragraph that replaces the misspelled word “shoplifetr’s” with the correctly spelled word --shoplifters--:

[0038] However, because a shoplifter’s pick 11 is typically a crude instrument, it will usually be misdirected upon entry to the detacher arm entry area 4. When a pick 11 (shown below in regard to figure 4) is inserted into the detacher arm entry area 4, the proximal end 6 of the clip lock 2 directs the pick 11 away from the path leading to the door button 3 and toward the dead-end cavity 5. Once the pick enters the dead-end cavity 5, it cannot release the pin 8 of the securing member from the anti-theft tag 1. As a result, the shoplifter’s attempt to remove the anti-theft tag 1 is defeated.

Regarding paragraph 41 of the Application as filed, please replace paragraph 41 with the following new paragraph that deletes the typographical error “Figure_32_2Figure_32_2” which was inadvertently placed in the original paragraph:

[0041] Regarding figure 2, the detacher arm entry area 4 protects clip lock 2 which is pushed down by the detacher arm 10, and which in turn unlocks the sliding clip 16. This figure illustrates a detacher arm 10 being inserted into the detacher arm entry area 4 along path 13. Because the detacher arm 10 is sufficiently rigid, it presses the distal end 6 of the clip lock 2 into the detacher arm chamber 12. Likewise, due to the rigidity of the detacher arm 10, it is not diverted from the proper path.

Regarding paragraph 63 of the Application as filed, please replace paragraph 63 with the following new paragraph that deletes the typographical error “BM_1_BM_1”:

[0063] Figure 13 illustrates another alternative preferred embodiment in which a single detacher arm 35 is used to actuate both the locking arm 27 and the release arm 24. In this embodiment, detacher arm 35 forces locking arm 27 to the side upon entry into the detacher arm entry area 4. Detacher arm 35 has sufficient rigidity such that pressure exerted by locking arm 27 will not deflect it away from upper flange 29. In contrast, a conventional pick 11 will typically not have sufficient rigidity and will be deflected such that it does not contact upper flange 29.